

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. *Status of the claims*

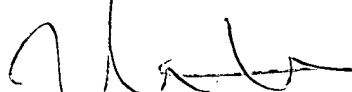
Claims 1, 3, 20, 22, 25-27 and 29 are amended and claims 35-37 are added.
Claims 1, 3, 5-16, 19, 21-23, 25-29, 33-37 are pending and under consideration with entry of this Amendment.

2. *Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment*

According to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, only the section of the Amendment that was non-compliant should be re-submitted. Accordingly, the Examiner is referred to the October 25, 2003 Amendment to consider Applicants arguments for overcoming the pending rejections,

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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